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**STUDENT CONDUCT AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

SR-98-99-(34) 93 (SCW)

Recommends that the university change its smoking policy so that smoking *and tobacco use* may occur only in designated areas that are at least 10 yards away from any building. Further, it is recommended that ashtrays be available at all designated sites; that the university adopt a policy that penalizes those who litter and that cigarette butts *and tobacco products* be specifically identified as litter.

While it is not specifically recommended, it is suggested that future consideration be given to the placement of shelters at designated smoking areas for the protection of those who smoke. It is additionally suggested that "No Tobacco Use" signs be placed at building entrances.

RATIONALE:

The overwhelming preponderance of evidence points to the hazards of second hand smoke inhalation. The committee makes this recommendation in an effort to protect the health and welfare of the students who are required to enter and use the buildings around which people congregate to smoke. Students must breathe that smoke as they enter and use buildings. The committee realizes the controversy that does or could surround this issue, and while it would like to see a smoke-free campus, it has given consideration to the general culture of this area, which supports smoking to the extent that its youth smoke more than twice the national average.

The results of a recent survey of 790 students, faculty and staff are attached and suggest that the majority of people on campus would like to see smoking moved away from building entrances and are bothered by the littering of cigarette butts.

FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT:

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SENATE: Colby F. Ross DATE: 5-14-99

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UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

APPROVED: _____ DATE: _____

DISAPPROVED:  _____ DATE: 5.15.99

COMMENTS:

Amended on the senate floor, 5/13/99. Amendments are italicized. To add the

words "and tobacco use" after smoking in the first sentence. To add the words "and

other tobacco products" after the word butts in the last sentence of the first

paragraph. To change "No Smoking" to "No Tobacco Use" in the last sentence of

the second paragraph.

